

EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

1. This communication is an Examiner's reasons for allowance in response to application filed on 9/26/06, assigned serial 10/594279 and title "Traveling control device and traveling control program for work vehicle or control device and control program for work vehicle".

2. The following is the Examiner's statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

After carefully reviewing the application in light of the amended claims and the additional search of all the possible areas relevant to the present application, a set of related prior art references has been found, but those prior art references are not deemed strong to make the application unpatentable. Thus, it is found that the application is now in condition for allowance.

As per claims 1 and 2, the prior art of record does not disclose a work vehicle travel control device that controls travel of a work vehicle in accordance with set lines indicating a relationship between an operation stroke of an operation device and a speed ratio of left and right crawler tracks or wheels of a vehicle body, and a travel control program stored in a non-transitory readable storage medium, wherein control means is provided for controlling the speed ratio to decrease in accordance with a first line when the operation device is operated from a point on the first line in a direction that the speed ratio decreases, to increase in accordance with a second line when the operation device is operated from a point on the second line in a direction that the speed ratio increases, to change in accordance with a third lines when the operation device is operated from a point on the first line in a direction that the speed ratio increases, or when the operation device is operated from a point on the second line in a direction that the

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speed ratio decreases. This limitation in combination with the other elements in the claim was not shown or suggested by the prior art.

As per claims 7-8, the prior art of record does not disclose a work vehicle travel control device that controls a control quantity of a work vehicle in accordance with set lines indicating a relationship between an operation quantity of an operation device and the control quantity, and a control program stored in a non-transitory readable storage medium, wherein control means is provided for controlling the control quantity to change in accordance with a first line when the operation device is operated from a point on the first line in a direction that the operation quantity increases, to change in accordance with a second line when the operation device is operated from a point on the second line in a direction that the operation quantity decreases, to change in accordance with a third lines when the operation device is operated from a point on the first line in the direction that the operation quantity decreases, or when the operation device is operated from a point on the second line in the direction that the operation quantity increases. This limitation in combination with the other elements in the claim was not shown or suggested by the prior art.

Claims 1-10, are allowable over the prior art of record.

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dalena Tran whose telephone number is 571-272-6968. The examiner can normally be reached on M-W (in a first week of a bi-week), and T-R (in a second week of bi-week) from 7:00AM-6:00PM.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Khoi H. Tran can be reached on 571-272-6919. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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